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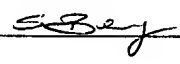
FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF METHYL FORMATE

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SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED DRAWINGS

Sir,

In reply to the office action of May 25, 2005, it is respectfully requested the following remarks and amendments be entered in the above mentioned application:

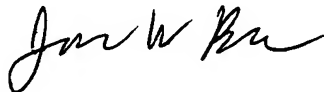
Remarks

In response to the objections made to the drawings, Applicant respectfully submits replacement drawings for Figures 1-3. The text descriptions have been removed from each drawing, as well as the line numbering. Furthermore, the drawing of Figure 3 has been amended from Figure 3/3 to Figure 3. Finally, the Figure labels have been moved to the bottom of the page.

Additionally, Applicant amends the specification to include a brief description of the several drawings as set forth in Appendix I of this paper. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the objections be withdrawn.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Appendix I

THE SUBSTITUTE SECTION OF THE SPECIFICATION

On page 10, on the very first line, as the very first paragraph of the page please add the following section:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 displays a simplified process flow chart for the preparation of methyle formate using a bubble column reactor with recycling of the carbon monoxide containing circulating gas stream and with recycling of a methanol containing liquid stream.

Figure 2 displays a cascade reactor using the example of a bubble column.

Figure 3 displays a simplified process flow chart of a preferred embodiment for the preparation of methyl formate using a rectifying column with recycling of the carbon monoxide containing circulating gas stream and with recycling of a methanol containing liquid stream.